
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

GATHERING RITE

Processional

Thy kingdom come!

Hymn 615

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Presider: Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Today's theme is the Holy Silence. In this time, we take a pause to reflect, to prepare, to hope and to anticipate the rich love of God born to us as the Christ. You came O Savior to set free your own in glorious liberty.

Reader 1: They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader 1: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Hymn

Creator of the stars at night

Hymn 60 v 1 & 3

Reader 2: We light the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn S277

Presider: The Lord be with you

***People:* And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, iudicium

- ¹ Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- ² That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- ¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Sermon

The Very Rev. Kenneth R. Pepin

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: We are once again in the season of Advent. A time to being a new year of worship, a time for renewal, a time to experience the hope that is before us in the birth of Jesus our Messiah

Aware that God knows our innermost thoughts and being we pray now for our deepest and most holy longings...we pray:

***People:* Renew us, O God.**

Intercessor: For our church, the people of God living , loving and learning together. We pray in thanksgiving for our lay leadership, our vestry as well as our bishop Steve and rector Ken

***People:* Renew us, and give us courage.**

Intercessor: For the sick and the needy, the oppressed and the destitute and for all who seek to serve them. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and the Most Rev. Michael Augustine Owen Lewis, Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East, Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Thomas' Church, Bath; The Southeast District Dean & Warden; Diocesan Dean for Discernment; Rev. Andrea Stridiron; Rev. Don Schranz; Rev. Eric Thompson and Rev. Kit Tobin.

We pray for all who wander, who hunger, who thirst: We pray especially for the homeless, those who live under our bridges, who are housed at our shelters, hospitals and other care facilities...

***People:* Renew us as people of service and compassion.**

Intercessor: For this planet, our home: For the peace and security of our world and the healing of our ecosystem.

***People:* Renew our will to be healers of creation.**

Intercessor: For this and every nation: Renew in all people the will for good and the longing for peace.

***People:* Renew us and give us strength**

Confession

Presider: In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.

People: **Forgive us, Lord. We are a wandering people who kneel before you now. A people who bring prayers and requests to your feet when we have need of you and have nowhere else to turn, then go our own way when times are good and life is easy.**

Forgive us and draw us close. Teach us your way that we might follow. Help us to walk in your company and know your presence from the moment we awake until we lay our heads to rest. Amen.

Presider: In this Advent of expectation through the mercy of God and the power of the Holy Spirit; I forgive you all your sins and heal you of your brokenness. May God place within you the song of hope that it might be the song you sing, and the melody of your lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity. **Amen**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Presider: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymn 76 v 1, 2, 5

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

People: **Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.**

Presider: Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say

Sanctus

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Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

People: **You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.**

Presider: You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

People: **But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.**

Presider: Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

People: **Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.**

Presider: On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood

of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

People: **Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Luke and all your saints, past, present and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

Presider: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord’s Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

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The Communion of the People

Presider: All are welcome to God’s table. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

There’s a voice in the wilderness

Hymn 75

SENDING RITE

Presider: Let us pray:

People: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our savior Jesus**

Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Choir Anthem

The Blessing

Presider: All of us who have gathered to hear the voice of God speaking to our hearts, In the midst of this hectic and sometimes cantankerous season, may we find comfort in the peaceful Presence who draws near, May God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life hold us close and bring light to our world.

People: **Amen**

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymn 65

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Flowers on the altar are given by
the McDougal Family
in memory of Dick*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the Bulletin Board in the hallway on your way to the Great Hall for more information on the following events:

Saturday Night Live at the Theology Pub—Saturdays at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/stluketheologypub>

Meeting ID: 892 5262 5755 Password: 469891

Perinton Food Shelf The Perinton Food Shelf is in great need of the following: Cookies, coffee, jello, pudding mixes, juice, canned peaches, dried mashed potatoes, canned beef stew, canned chicken, large soup (approx. 16-18 oz) canned chili, shampoo and toothbrush-

es. Thank you so much for your contributions to our community. You can drop off donations in the great hall at St. Luke's.

Christmas Food Baskets We are continuing to provide Christmas food baskets in cooperation with the Perinton Food Cupboard. They have asked us to help six families this year. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board and bins by the coat racks. Please bring all items in on Sunday, December 18th. Thank you for helping to support this ministry! Any questions, please see Susan Palomaki.

Reminders Christmas Flower memorial envelopes are due by December 18. Greening of the church will be December 18 after the 10 am service. Everyone's help will be appreciated.

Our Prayers are asked...

For the world:

For peace among the peoples of the world.

For our military and their families.

For refugees and the people of Ukraine.

For the church:

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and the Most Rev. Michael Augustine Owen Lewis, Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East, Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf.

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From our parochial concerns:

For Ken our priest, Sherry & Gail, our Wardens, all the members of the vestry, our delegates, our parish and all other leaders.

For those who are sick or in need: Dom Gasbarre, Ellen Wheeler, Yvonne Doyle, Evelyn, Jane, Missy, Diane, Chuck Bianchi, Bob Bianchi, Diane Fitton, Ellen Cosgrove and those who struggle with any affliction, as well as all who care for them.

Those who have died: John Hoff, Pat Edmunds, Mike Townsend

Thanksgivings:

Those celebrating a birthday: Susan Jasie (12/4), Sue Veronda (12/5), Suzanne Roscoe (12/7), Henry Bacon (12/7), Jean Patterson (12/9)